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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS GENERALLY POSITIVE, WITH EMPHASIS ON
THE NEED TO GET DETENTE RE-STARTED WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

-- THE MAJOR ITEM IN THE WEEKEND PRESS IS A LONG
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ARTICLE BY GEORGIY ARBATOV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE

OF THE USA AND CANADA, IN PRAVDA (DEC 11), CALLED "SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS TODAY". THE ARTICLE REPLAYS IN DETAIL SOVIET CONCERN THAT THE PACE OF IMPROVEMENT HAS SLACKENED, ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST YEAR--A FACT WHICH HE BLAMES ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND "ENEMIES OF DETENTE.". ARBATOV SEES A SILVER LINING HOWEVER, IN THAT RELATIONS DID NOT WORSEN APPRECIABLY, AND HE CALLS FOR THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO GET DETENTE MOVING AGAIN, ESPECIALLY THROUGH A NEW SALT ACCORD (SEPTEL).

-- ALSO ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, TV POLITICAL COMMENTOR VALENTIN ZORIN DEVOTED HIS SATURDAY EVENING (DEC 10) PROGRAM TO A PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, DRAWING EXTENSIVELY ON A USIA FILM ON CARTER. FILM WAS CREDITED TO USIA, WAS APPARENTLY SHOWN IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED WITH A RUNNING TRANSLATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMENTARY. ZORIN'S COMMENTS AT THE END APPARENTLY WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN IDEOLOGICAL CORRECTIVE AND TO STRESS ELEMENTS COMPATIBLE WITH SOVIET INTERESTS. SPECIFICALLY, ZORIN: NOTED (IN CONNECTION WITH FILM'S DESCRIPTION OF CARTER AS A FARMER) THAT CARTER'S AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS IS ACTUALLY WORTH SOME 5 MILLION DOLLARS; QUESTIONED FILM'S TREATMENT OF CARTER AS AN "OUTSIDER" RIDING A WAVE OF POPULAR SUPPORT AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT POLITICS; AND EMPHASIZED CARTER'S POSITIVE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A SALT AGREEMENT.

-- PRAVDA (DEC 12) CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM ON PRESIDENT FORD'S UP INTERVIEW, CITING THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT "THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IS POSSIBLE". THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTES THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON EXPANDING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THE USSR DESPITE CONTINUING DIFFERENCES OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

-- PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK COMMENTARY (DEC 12) BY MAY PODKLYUCHNIKOV, MENTIONS CARTER'S APPOINTMENT OF CYRUS VANCE TO BE SECSTATE, AND CITES VANCE'S STATEMENT TO NEWSWEEK THAT "NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT" THAN REACHING A NEW SALT ACCORD.

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-- PRAVDA (DEC 13) CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON REPORT ON THE AGRICULTURAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, SAYING THAT SUCH COOPERATION SERVES THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE ITEM CITES DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BELL SAYING THAT HE HOPED THE CONGRESS WOULD REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY TRADE RESTRICTION ON SOVIET GOODS, THE SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

RUNOV'S STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BREZHNEV'S
NOV 30 SPEECH TO THE U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

-- ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, THE CENTRAL PRESS
(DEC 13) REPORTS THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
F-15S AND F-16S TO ISRAEL, AND THAT FOREIGN MILITARY
AID TO ISRAEL WOULD TOTAL 2 BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR.

-- THE CENTRAL MEDIA (DEC 10-11) ALSO CARRY
TWO TASS NEW YORK ITEMS REPORTING THAT THE U.S. AND
FRANCE SET OFF SEPARATE UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS ON
DEC 8.

-- NOVOYE VREMYA CARRIES A HARSHLY
NEGATIVE ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT I. ANDRONOV
CALLED "KILLING WITHOUT PUNISHMENT". ARTICLE ATTACKS
U.S. FAILURE TO PUNISH OR EXTRADITE THE BREZINSKASES
FOR THEIR 1970 PLANE HIJACKING AND KILLING OF TWO CREW
MEMBERS. ANDRONOV ACCUSES THE U.S. OF A CONTRADICTORY
POLICY ON HIJACKING, AS SHOWN BY REPORTED EFFORTS TO LURE
THE "AIR PIRATE" WHO RECENTLY FLEW TO IRAN, AND LINKS
ANTI-CUBAN TERRORISM TO THE CIA.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- THE BUILD-UP TO BREZHNEV'S BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK-
END IS CONTINUING WITH SEVERAL HIGHLY LAUDATORY ARTICLES
ON LEONID IL'ICH'S PAST HEROICS AND PRESENT LEADERSHIP.

-- ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS (DEC 11-12) CARRY
A TASS STATEMENT ON SOVIET ROCKET TESTS IN THE
PACIFIC BETWEEN DECEMBER 13 AND 30.

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-- AFTER VIRTUALLY IGNORING NATO
MINISTERIAL NAC MEETINGS ON BURSELS, SOVIET CENTRAL
PRESS OPENED UP OVER WEEKEND WITH SERIES OF ARTICLES,
INCLUDING PRAVDA'S WEEKLY REVIEW COLUMN DEC 12, BLASTING
NATO FOR TURNING DOWN "PEACE-LOVING" PROPOSALS OF
WARSAW PACT. MAIN FOCUS WAS ON NON-FIRST-USE PROPOSAL,
BUT PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN DEC 13 WAS DEVOTED
TO ATTACK ON POSSIBLE SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.

-- PRAVDA DEC 12 ROUTINELY REPORTS FACT OF
WP DEFMIN MEETING DEC 10-11 IN SOFIA WITHOUT MENTIONING
SUBSTANCE OF TALKS.

-- IZVESTIYA DEC 10 AND 11 CARRIES EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE OF PONOMAREV'S PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT

TO PARIS.

-- IZVESTIYA DEC 10 PRINTS OFFICIAL DECREE OF
200 MILE SOVIET FISHING ZONE. NO COMMENTARY OR EXPLANATION.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT DEC 11 ON ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE ON "SHORT VISIT" OF GDR PREMIER STOPH
TO MOSCOW TO MEET WITH KOSYGIN ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

-- IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY
(DEC 11) BY L. KORYAVIN, DISCUSSES THE NEED FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BASED ON UN RESOLUTION. ARTICLE
DENOUNCES ISRAELI "WAR PSYCHOSIS" AND U.S. DECISION TO
PROVIDE NEW FIGHTER PLANES.

-- THE SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION TO THE VIETNAMESE
FOURTH PARTY CONGRESS, LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV,
LEFT FOR HANOI ON DEC 11 AND ARRIVED THE NEXT DAY.
THEY WERE GREETED BY LE DUAN, TRUONG CHIN, PHAM VAN DONG
AND NUMEROUS OTHERS. ALSO ON VIETNAM, PRAVDA (DEC 11)
CARRIES A TASS HANOI ITEM REPLAYING NAN DAN'S
DENIAL AND DENUNCIATION OF THE THAI INTERIOR MINISTER'S
CHARGE THAT HANOI WAS PLANNING TO INVADE THAILAND.

-- IZVESTIYA (DEC 11) AND PRAVDA (DEC 12)
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CARRY ARTICLES COMMEMORATING THE PRODUCTION OF THE 25 MILLIONTH
TON OF STEEL AT INDIA'S BHILAI STEEL COMPLEX. THE PROJECT
IS LAUDED AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOVIET-INDIAN COOPERATION.

-- IZVESTIYA (DEC 11) REPORTS THAT A VISITING
ZAIRE DELEGATION, LED BY STATE TRADE COMMISSAR
DUGA KUGBETORO (PHONETIC), SIGNED A SERIES OF ACCORDS
WITH THE SOVIETS ON DEC 10. THE ACCORDS LISTED
WERE: AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC,
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION, A TRADE
AGREEMENT, AN AGREEMENT ON MARITIME SHIPPING, A PROTOCOL
ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOR 1977-78, AND
A PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT ON AIR SERVICES.
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